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Karen's Letter



Black and white thinking is what we do when we are anxious. When we are calm and relaxed we will be more intelligent and able to think in terms of both/and, rejecting either/or dualistic thinking. The mystics have always challenged us to relax, to meditate and to embrace paradox.

The truth lies neither in the affirmation nor in the denial of either side, but precisely in the resolution of the tug-of-war between the two. Unfortunately, since the Reformation and the Enlightenment, educated Western people like myself have lost touch with paradoxical, mystical, contemplative thinking. We've wasted at least five centuries taking sides—which is so evident in our culture today. We are each a living paradox and so is everyone else. When we realise this we

begin to see life in a truly spiritual way.

Much of the New Testament presents two seemingly opposing ideas, such as weakness and strength, flesh and spirit, law and grace, faith and good deeds, Jew and Gentile, slave and free. Dualistic thinking usually takes one side, dismisses the other, and stops there. But the New Testament writers don't do that. They force us onto the horns of the dilemma and invite us to wrestle with paradox.

The mystical paradoxical foundation for Christianity is that we're already participating in God, and often we just don't know it. We are all already swimming in this flow of life and love moving in and around and through everything; we just don't realize it.

Karen Hunter Krimald

Vicarage Garden Party

Sunday 7th September

3.00pm - 6.00pm

at the Vicarage

If you feel like it (and please be under no pressure at all, as I know it isn't everyone's bag) would you come dressed as your favorite famous person. Let's see how long it takes us to figure out who you are.

Pimms and cream tea will be served along with garden Jenga, Boules and a treasure hunt.

So we have an idea of numbers, please RSVP: romek@kriwald.com

Church Briefing

Hill & Valley Benifice Church Services

Everyone Welcome

7th September

Holy Communion

10.30am - St James the Great, Coln St Denys

14th September

BCP

Holy Communion

9.00am - St Andrew's Chedworth

10.30am - St Andrew's, Coln Rogers,

21 September

Holy Communion

10.30am - St Andrew's Chedworth

28th September

Happyfull Service

10.30am - St Andrew's, Chedworth

Sunday 7th Sept

3.00pm-6.00pm Vicarage garden party

RSVP romek@kriwald.com.

Thursday 11th Sept

7.00pm – New weekly Bible Study led by Helen Oldham – in the homes of those who wish to attend.

RSVP Helen Oldham: tylerold@hotmail.com.

Weddings – “Love comes from God and everyone that loves is born of God and knows God.”

20/09/25 – 1.30pm - St Andrew's, Chedworth – Beth Merron & Nick Walsh.

Christenings - “Let the little children come unto me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”

07/09/25 – 12.30pm – Zephyr & Beau Franks

The oldest computer was owned by Adam and Eve. It was an Apple with very limited memory. Just 1 byte and everything crashed.

Dates for Your Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
3 Sept	18:00	Garden Club visit to Fossebridge Vineyard	
4 Sept	19:00	NTL - Inter Alia	Chedworth Village Hall
7 Sept	15:00-18:00	Vicarage Garden Party	Chedworth Vicarage
10 Sept		WI - Outing	
12 Sept	19:00	Back Row Club - Mr Burton	Chedworth Village Hall
12 Sept		Golf Day	
13 Sept		Junior Tennis Open Morning	Chedworth Tennis Courts
15 Sept	17:30	Fish & Chip Van	Chedworth Village Hall
20 Sept	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
25 Sept	18:00	RBL Talk - Reflection on the Battle of Britain	Chedworth Village Hall
8 Oct	19:15	WI - Janice Fisher "C. R. Ashbee and the Arts and Craft Movement" (Open Meeting)	Chedworth Village Hall
18 Oct	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
6 Nov	19:30	FoStA - Talk by Guy Rooker "Leonardo da Vinci - Hands"	Chedworth Village Hall
12 Nov	19:15	WI AGM and Supper	Chedworth Village Hall
15 Nov	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall
10 Dec	19:15	Rev Dr Nicholas Henderson "How to read an English Country Church Part II"	Chedworth Village hall
20 Dec	9:00-13:00	Chedworth Produce Market	Chedworth Village Hall



Recycling Dates

Domestic Waste & Recycling

Including glass, paper, mixed recycling, cardboard, garden waste, non-recyclable waste, food waste



Chedworth Area, Fossebridge, Yanworth, Coln St Dennis, Coln Rogers

Thursday	11	September
Thursday	25	September
Thursday	9	October
Thursday	23	October

Dates may change due to holidays

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St Andrew's C of E School & Pre-school



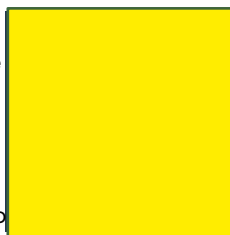
Thank you to the many Chedworth community members who came along to support our summer fete. We were extremely lucky with the weather and a great afternoon was had by all. We are really grateful to our wonderful PTA, chaired by Mr Ben Pridgeon and all of the parents and family members who supported in the set up and running of the afternoon. Over £1,200 was raised, all of which will go towards enhancing our children's experiences within school and providing them with opportunities outside of the curriculum. This type of funding is absolutely vital to the school.

Thank you also to:



- the everyone at the **Pop Up Cafe** for supplying amazing refreshments;
- **Flora Fiora** for providing incredible entertainment
- **Hill & Valley Tennis Club** for allowing us to use their equipment and explore their amazing facilities.
- **Parish Council** for paying for the inflatable assault course.

We had a busy end of term in school and our children amazed us as always. Key Stage 2 put on an incredible performance of Jungle Book- their diligence and hard work towards this was paid off with a stunningly confident performance. Our first ever 'Bats and Balls' tournament hosted for the NCSF trust was hugely successful with over 100 pupils taking part, particularly enjoying the tennis. We also sent a team of players to a rounders tournament and they were the overall winners!



Harvest

We would like to have a farmer come into one of our worships in the Autumn term to talk to the children about the life and work of a farmer. If you think you could help us, please email:

admin@st-andrews.gloucs.sch.uk



On the **2nd October** we will be hosting a small harvest celebration in the school hall. Please keep an eye on Facebook for further details. This will also include coffee and cake to raise fund for Macmillan cancer support.



SATS results

We are thrilled once again with this years' SATs results. Our pupils and team have worked incredibly hard. Staff have supported pupils tirelessly to cover the curriculum and still provide amazing opportunities for our children.

	2024	2025	National average 2025
Reading	100% 60% greater depth	100% 17% greater depth	75%
Writing	80%	100%	72%
Maths	80% 40% greater depth	83%	74%
Reading, Writing, Maths combined	80%	83%	62%

Pre-School Places 2025-2026

We are really excited for you to see our renovated EYFS hub and would love to show you around in September. We offer places to children from the term they turn 3 and they have full access to our sports coach, forest school and wonderful outdoor learning spaces. We accept government funding and have no other hidden fees! We are a teacher-led setting and have the children have incredible learning experiences.

If you would like to come and visit our setting and learn what we do, please book an appointment through emailing:
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Chedworth Parish Council

Community Orchard

Tony Kingsley and Alan McLellan are looking for volunteers to help with weeding and watering at the Community Orchard by the Playing Field. A hose reel was bought days before the hose pipe ban and the water trough altered to suit but extra assistance would be most welcome.

Road Safety

The Parish Council discussed road safety and speed limits at the August meeting. Residents once again called for the speed limit to be extended round the Hemplands bend, as previously suggested to GCC. The Clerk reported the interactive speed signs have still not been delivered, reminder will be sent again. Cllr Hodgkinson and the Chairman reported on a recent meeting at the school, regarding the travel plan originally written before 2015. While substantially still relevant there were

conflicting recommendations from members of the public, and it is now being referred to as guidance. The Gloucestershire Road Safety Partnership is to be consulted for advice.

Tuns Hill & Queen Street

The Parish Council is to write to Gloucestershire County Council to ask if the flood relief works in Tuns Hill can be brought forward and implemented during the dry summer weather when work to the watercourse is relatively easy rather than wait for the Autumn rains. The Parish has already contributed £5,000 towards the project and the work is currently scheduled for October.

The Parish Council has also asked for GCC to consider resurfacing the upper part of Tuns Hill where patching is currently scheduled as the surface is already almost a series of lumps and intersecting patches.

Tuns Hill Party

We hope you enjoyed the Tuns Hill Party. Parish Councillors were concerned about the need for loo at the event originally planned to support the Seven Tuns reopening and suggested the Parish Council should fund some Portaloos assuming a cost of around £750. However, at the August meeting organisers revealed there were serious pressures on finances and asked for some £2,500 towards costs. After identifying some considerable cost savings and having an assurance that any surplus would be refunded to the Parish Council, it was agreed by a majority vote to pay

£1,500 to enable the event to proceed and not leave the organisers out of pocket, with the hope that some or all of the sum can be recovered.

has rarely done in the past. This event is in partnership with St Andrews School PTA who will be organising it.

David Broad

Funding

The Parish Council has agreed to fund a children's entertainment at the Village Hall later in the year. This is something a Parish Council has statutory powers to do under Sec. 145 of the LGA 1972 but



Chedworth Silver Band



Chedworth Silver Band had a successful performance on the Cirencester Bandstand on 20th July, with an appreciative audience, but attendance was affected by rain that morning. With no Chedworth Show and the school fete moving to an after-school slot on a Friday, the band has not played in Chedworth this summer, despite arranging sponsorship to cover their performance fee. Plans are in preparation for an Autumn Concert at Chedworth Village Hall with a repeat at another local venue, sponsorship has

been arranged for both so it's just about availability, of members and venue, so we hope to see you there. The band has secured three more Cornet players this year, one returnee and two new faces, so things are looking more promising than of late.

For more details of the band please contact 01285 720313, Email chedworthsilverband@mail.com or see our Facebook page.

David Broad - Bandmaster

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For more information check out our website chedworthpc.org.uk

A visit to the Popup Café

The flag is flapping in the breeze, the café must be open!
There will be cakes and sausage rolls, at least that's what I'm hopin'.
I hurry down the steps and hear the gentle buzz of voices
And then I make my way to where the punters make their choices.

Now this is where it all gets hard and I begin to falter.
Shall I just have a cup of tea and not my diet alter?
A giant piece of carrot cake – it's really quite enormous!
I get it and a sausage roll, become a brontosaurus.

Now where to sit? The place is full of people, kids and dogs.
I join a group of earnest men who talk of apps and blogs.
They check my phone and say it's old and needs an update soon
So I just nod, agree with them and gesture with my spoon.

I leave this group and go to where the Mums and babies sit
They all seem so content and do not stress the slightest bit.
I smile at one who's just turned four and wants to build a tower
He stares at me for just five seconds, then begins to glower.

I look across the hall and see the safest sanctuary
The table where the older ladies like to talk and tarry.
Some look afeared that I might ask them what they think of Starmer
But I just want to chill a while and feel a little calmer.

I eat my sausage roll and later talk about the weather
Then suddenly a dog appears and it has lost its tether.
I feed it bits of cake and then another one comes running.
The second canine looks at me with baleful eyes and cunning.

And now the owner's getting cross for giving Rover cake
"It's surely not my fault" I cry – but sense my great mistake.
He should have gluten-free, perhaps – no sugar in his tea.
And surely every dog who comes should get their items free.

I grab my plate, depleted now and drain my coffee cup.
I take these items to the hatch, pursued by a small pup.
I want to join the tennis players, ask about their game.
But their talk is intense and mine would surely be too tame.
Now suddenly my ears alert me to a small commotion.
The kitchen staff, who serve us with a measure of devotion,
Are squealing and I do declare there is a sense of panic.
The normal calm of mugs and plates is sounding rather manic.



I venture to the noisy place and what do I behold?
The evidence of near disaster which would then unfold.
A carrot cake, two cups of herbal tea and a cheese scone
Have all collided in the air and landed in the zone.

And everyone – the duty crew – can hardly bear to look
At all the mess upon the floor, but then a mop I took
And cleared away the pile of soggy, broken plates and mugs
At least it hadn't landed on a treasured antique rug.

I left them then, while they were utt'ring heartfelt thanks and praise
To someone who had helped them out and not just stood and gazed.
They soon resumed their busyness and chatted breezily.
I could be tempted now to join the café set quite easily.



Sheila Veuve

Backrow Club at the Village Hall

It was well worth dragging ourselves away from watering the parched gardens or the exciting tennis, as we were very warmly welcomed to the village hall by Sheila, for once with all windows and doors open to greet the third official heatwave of the summer!

Minutes of the May and June meetings duly being signed we got down to the business of the meeting. Nominations for the committee and officers for 2026 were requested, as always members were encouraged to help, particularly as Chedworth WI looks forward to its Centenary in November 2027. All ideas for how to celebrate and fund raise, needed and welcome!

Fortunately all committee members and officers have kindly agreed to serve again, if no nominations are received. Except for Chrissy who will be standing down as treasurer. Thankfully Deborah has stepped up and is shadowing Chrissy and is already sharing the burden and shaping up to be a worthy successor.

The lunch club had a very successful meal at The Wheatsheaf in Northleach in June. It will now have July and August off and meet again at The Wheatsheaf on the 24th September. Once again many thanks to Ann for organising.

There is a slight change to our calendar of speakers Ann Chambers who was to speak on "Three Generations of Women Gardeners at Kiftsgate" in October, will now be coming in March 2026 and Janice Fisher will be speaking in October about C R Ashbee and The

Guild of Handicraft which he setup in Chipping Camden under the influence of The Arts and Crafts movement.

Following all this we moved our chairs around and were taken through a session of breathing, bending and stretching yoga based exercises by Emma Lowther. Who knew you could do so much whilst still sitting down?! Although as you can see we did get up and use the chair for support at the end! Much fun, exercise and laughter was had as we tried to meet the challenges Emma set us.



We really felt we had earned our tea!

In the fourth (!) heatwave of the summer we had our August meeting. This is traditionally a members choice meeting, so can be a formal meeting or an informal outing. This August we were very fortunate to have Izzy Lane to give us a training session on CPR, use of the Defibrillator and dealing with Choking. We were also very fortunate to be able to meet in the delightful Valley Village Hall. Izzy is the lovely trainer from Far Peaks, who keeps so many of our members in tip

top fitness. She is also a fully qualified First Aid trainer, so she brought her expertise, energy, inspiration and all the kit of dummies, model defibrillators etc. to the session.

With a short business over, Izzy put us through our paces. We discovered how to always check the status of a casualty, having first made sure it is safe to approach! If they're not breathing, clear and open the airway. Two quick mouth to mouth breaths, then it's into chest compressions - 30 then 2 more breaths and remember your rhythm of 'Staying Alive'!

We found out it is really hard work!

The defibrillator can make a dramatic lifesaving difference and in Chedworth we are so lucky to have three - one at the village hall, one at the Seven Tuns and one in the telephone box at the bottom of the Hemplands.

Next it was on to how stop someone choking. A good strong blow between the shoulder blades (please steady the person choking before you deliver the blow!). Try this five times. If necessary then progress to the abdominal thrust.

Of course in all cases phoning for an ambulance and professional help is the first and most important step.

We hope that we never have to use the techniques we learnt, but thanks to Izzy we all felt a lot more confident at the end of the evening.

This evening was inspired by the resolution voted for at the NFWI AGM in June that 'Bystanders can be Life Savers'! Perhaps something for us all to take to heart (sorry couldn't resist it!).



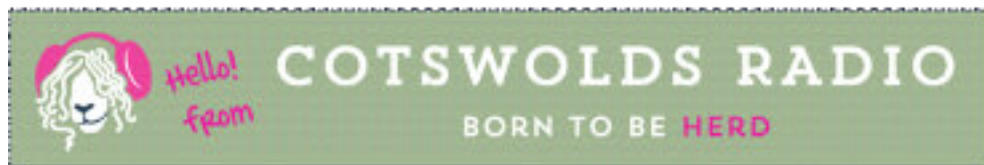
Izzy keeping on smiling whilst training us! And Chrissy showing the abdominal thrust.

Following all this hard brain and physical work we relaxed with tea, coffee and tasting the variety of finger food we had all brought. Chatting and looking at the beautiful view from the Valley Village Hall we all agreed it had been a very good evening. September is our outing to Hampton Gardens in Herefordshire.

Emma Isaac

Fish and chips

Some tourists touring the north of England stopped to visit a Priory. The Prior gave them a tour of the buildings, ending in the kitchen, where one monk was making fish and chips. One tourist said brightly: "You must be the fish friar," to which the monk gravely replied, "No, I am the chip monk."



Get your boarding passes ready – Cotswolds Radio has a new fortnightly travel show “Passports and Postcards” starting on 4th September.

Presenters Sam and Christine are travel industry experts, who both run travel companies specialising in unique experiences all over the globe. They will be sharing their wealth of travel knowledge on this new and exciting show. Plus, they'll be interviewing a host of fascinating people in the travel industry, as well as locals who love travelling the world. First up will be our own Sian James who presents Saturday Morning's Culture Club. She'll be sharing her adventures in Uzbekistan.

In 2023, Sam Hadfield founded Graceful Wanderlust with the aim of curating bespoke adventures to breath-taking destinations. She's recently returned from checking out extraordinary experiences in Iceland. Christine Coombs has been travelling in Southern Africa for over 30 years and worked for 10 years as an Africa travel specialist at a luxury travel operator. Now, through Africa We Travel, she works as an independent consultant helping clients create their



dream holidays to Africa. We're delighted that Graceful Wanderlust and Africa We Travel are sponsoring the new show.

So whether you're an armchair traveller or a seasoned wanderer, do tune in to find out more about the joys of travel.

If you'd like to be a guest on Passports & Postcards, Sam and Christine would love to hear from you. Find the show on social media, message while you're listening on the Cotswolds Radio App, WhatsApp on 07824 368947 or email contact@cotswoldsradio.com.



Notes for a child

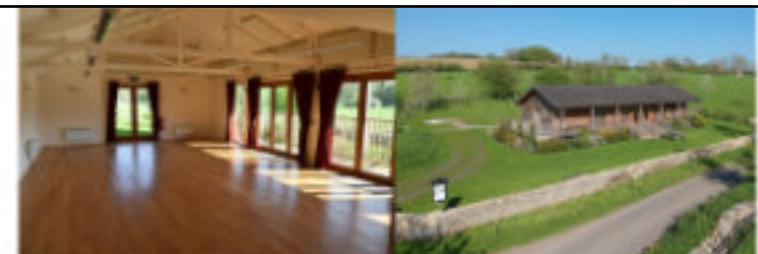
In the night
If you have a fright
Just remember
It's the same as day
But without the light
So you can't see as far.

Bear in mind
Adults don't know it all
They try to be kind
While you try to understand
Why they continue to fail.

Eating anything that comes your way
Does not mean it's contrary
To refuse to eat
What they give you on a tray
It's no mean feat.

You will not stay small
They will not stay large
They will not know it all
As you move into a new age
But keep them close with love
As they created you in love.

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Your Gardening Tips for September

In common with many other parts of Europe and indeed the world we in the Cotswolds have been experiencing long periods of dry weather unlike some other parts of the UK! The dreaded hose pipe ban has meant resorting to carting watering cans around the garden. Maybe that is a good thing for health and muscle toning! Consider greater use of 'grey water' if the hosepipe ban continues.



- There are many flowers that come into their own in September and corn flower (Echinacea) and sedum in particular are wonderful for attracting bees.
- Continue to deadhead plants such as Pansies, Dahlia, Delphinium, Rosa and Penstemon
- Trim back lavender if not already done. Divide herbaceous perennials, and plant new perennials, towards the end of the month.
- This a good time to propagate evergreens such as choisyas, hebes, and heathers as well as herbs such as bay, rosemary and sage. Shrubs planted in September will thrive next spring because they have had winter to bed in.
- If not already done, cut out old fruiting raspberry canes down to the ground before they go brown and are hard to identify. Prune gooseberry bushes by cutting out the centre to allow fresh air to flow through. If you have had a poor

- crop, heavy pruning should invigorate the plant. It is good practice to clean your pruner after use to avoid the possibility of spreading disease. Any household surface cleaner will do.
- Treat lawns with autumn feed, but not until it has started to grow again after the long hot summer. This a good time to knock lawn weeds on the head as they tend to stand out more when the lawn is dry.
- Start to add compost or rotted manure to the garden to reinvigorate the soil over the winter. Give your rhubarb a good dollop too. You will reap the reward next spring.
- Plant out winter lettuce, autumn onion sets, garlic and spring cabbage. Remove yellow leaves from over wintering brassicas.
- Sow hardy varieties of broad beans and peas, for an early crop next year.
- Resist the temptation to leave the topmost flowers on tomatoes. Cut them off as no significant tomatoes will be harvested from them from now on. In late September cut off unripe outdoor tomatoes to ripen indoors.
- Plant spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, crocus and hyacinth and plant Amaryllis in pots for Christmas showing. Do not delay as lengthy storage can result in a poor crop.
- Cabbage White butterflies may no longer threaten your brassicas but continue to protect them from pigeons. Check for flea beetle!
- I had serious flea beetle damage to my Nasturtiums this year over one

weekend, but after a good dose of fly spray, amazingly they recovered!

- Check roses for fungal disease such as blackspot and bin the affected leaves
- If you are not going to make soup from the water left from boiling vegetables, pour the liquid (once cooled!) onto your pot plants and they will respond with vigour! If



you are clearing away nettles, before composting them, soak in

water for a week and use the liquid as a good fertilizer.

- Try to avoid using peat-based compost if you can but it is hard to find any good peat free potting compost. The Silvagrow range is reckoned by some garden centers as being one of the best, but if you want to spend more 'Fertile Fiber' is excellent.
- Clear dead leaves from lawns and beds. If you can, shred them through your lawn mower before composting.
- Take time to enjoy the fruits of your labours in your garden.

*Simon Colbeck
Chairman,
Chedworth Gardening Club*



Barley Terminator

Harvest continues. Combine harvesters are essential machines but I found this one a little sinister as it descended the slope towards me.

Mark Aveline

Family Hare

At the beginning of July, we noticed a leveret in the garden (it turned out that there were more than one!)



Later that week, when looking out of the conservatory at about 9pm, we saw the leveret being suckled by its mother on the gravel driveway about ten feet away. Lo and behold, the following evening at about the same time, we saw five leverets being suckled, an amazing sight.

This ritual went on for about four weeks, beginning with the leverets assembling on the driveway and frisking rather like young lambs. As the light faded, they gathered in a group grooming their front paws and whiskers, quietly waiting for their mother to come in from the field to suckle them. Having completed her motherly duties, she returned to the field of sanfoin, where there is plenty

of cover and the leverets dispersed in the garden and orchard. By the middle of July, the largest leveret stopped joining the other leverets. The evening reunion of the four leverets and mother continued until late July. We feel very fortunate to have witnessed the hare family at such close quarters. And so the cycle of life continues.

Female hares can have 3 to 4 litters a year. The survival of the leverets is



dependent on the weather and level of predation from foxes, stoats, dogs, cats and birds of prey as well as the danger of cars if they venture across the road. Hares really are the most interesting and fascinating creatures, albeit in large numbers they can be damaging to crops.

Robert Young

No men

An elderly woman died last month. Having never married, she requested no male pallbearers. In her handwritten instructions for her memorial service, she wrote, "They wouldn't take me out while I was alive, so I don't want them to take me out when I'm dead."

RIDE+STRIDE for Churches

Support our Churches One Step (Or Pedal) at a Time

Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust (GHCT) is delighted to announce that Ride+Stride is back for 2025, taking place on the 13th of September.

This annual event invites people across Gloucestershire and North Bristol to visit churches by walking, cycling, horse-riding or using public transport, all while raising money to support their upkeep. Funds raised are split between the participant's chosen church and GHCT, which provides grants for vital repair and improvement work.

Ray Singleton, Ride+Stride Co-Ordinator, said

"Ride+Stride is a great way for people to come together, enjoy our local area and support these important buildings so they can continue to serve their communities. It's not just about worship. Many churches host school events, local clubs and charities that rely on the space."

We're already hearing that some fascinating routes are being planned and many churches will be putting on special events for

participants to enjoy on the day. In past years, we've seen everything from tower tours and heritage open days to organ recitals and bake sales. There's always something exciting happening along the way."

In 2024, Ride+Stride raised over £36,000, supporting projects such as roof repairs, fire door replacements and improved wheelchair access. If you'd like to get involved this year, whether by taking part in the Ride+Stride itself or by putting on an event at your church, further information can be found at: <https://ghct.org.uk/ride-and-stride>



Spelling

Teacher: Donald, how do you spell crocodile?

Donald: K-R-O-K-O-D-I-A-L

Teacher: No, that's incorrect.

Donald: Maybe it is, but you asked me how I spell it.

Chedworth Gardening Club Garden Visits

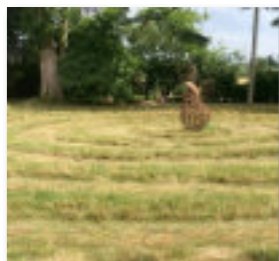
Since my last article we have completed a further two garden visits; Langford Downs Farm and Brockworth Court.

Langford Downs Farm

This was a garden full of fun and whimsy. A fairy grotto, abundant vegetable garden and windows cut into the hedges to share the extensive views



surrounding the area. Amazingly well established considering its youth.

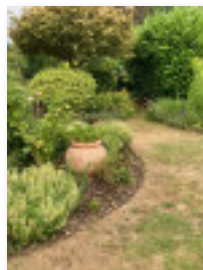


The owner and gardener gave us an informative tour on their planting ideas and the history of how it evolved from a blank canvas only 16 years ago. A huge thank you to

Caroline and Gary for a wonderful afternoon.

Brockworth Court

Our next visit to Brockworth Court was a far more historical experience with the house dating back to the 16th century. A more formal garden than Langford Downs with a vegetable plot and cottage planting. The owners, Simon and Bridget, garden totally organically.



They also offered us a tour of the house which was of great historical interest. Many thanks to them for sharing their home and garden with us.

Fossebridge Vineyard

Our last visit this year is at 6pm on Wednesday, 3 September to Fossebridge Vineyard. There are only 6 tickets left, so if you are a member of the Chedworth Gardening Club (or would like to join) please book your tickets soon to avoid disappointment.

To join the Club email chedworthgardeningclub@gmail.com

Ang MacNaught
Garden Visits Organiser

Family Summer Picnic

FoStA- Family Summer Picnic and Poole Me Hearties
Saturday 28th June



A lovely summer evening and a refreshing, albeit somewhat strong breeze meant that we could sit in comfort and be entertained by two excellent sets from Poole Me Hearties, who encouraged enthusiastic audience participation. There was a rousing encore of *What do we do with the drunken sailor?*

The playing field is such a good venue, with adequate parking and the village hall facilities on hand.

The event raised £550 for the Friends of St Andrew's Church.

Robert Young



RBL - Reflections on the Battle of Britain

Air Marshal G.A. Robertson CBE BA FRAeS FRSA

Air Marshal 'Black' Robertson was born in Woodford, Essex, and educated nearby at Bancroft's School. Three years at the RAF College Cranwell were followed by postings to Bahrain, the USA, Germany and the Falklands on Hunters and then Phantoms; he eventually flew all the RAF's front line fast jets and also qualified as a helicopter pilot. His senior appointments included Station Commander at RAF Wattisham, where he also served as an ADC to HM The Queen, and several in the Ministry of

Defence: Director of Air Staff Briefing and Co-ordination, Director of Defence Programmes and Assistant Chief of Defence Staff (Programmes). He escaped from Whitehall in the early 1990s, becoming Deputy Commander of RAF Germany and subsequently Air Officer Commanding No. 2 Group. His last appointment was as Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander-in-Chief at Strike Command. He retired in 1998 to join BAE Systems before running his own consultancy business. He now spends his time writing and lecturing; appropriately, the latest of his five books is the story of a Battle of Britain Spitfire ace.



Summer news!

In July, the cafe team volunteered to provide & serve refreshments - cakes, drinks and ice cream - at St Andrews School fete.

So we came out of the kitchen and on to the playing field....it was hot and noisy & a lot of fun!

At the end, the Pop up cafe donated £500 to the school - much needed & appreciated in these straightened times. Of course the cafe can only do this because of you, our lovely Monday morning customers. So on behalf of the school (and all of us) we thank you, very much. Please keep on coming!

The Pop up cafe. Open every Monday morning at the Village Hall. 10 am-1pm



The Chedworth & District Branch of the Royal British Legion

invites you to

Reflections on the Battle of Britain
a talk by

Air Marshal 'Black' Robertson CBE BA FRAeS FRSA

Thursday 25 September

at Chedworth Village Hall, GL54 4NE
6.00 o'clock

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Signature.....Date.....

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Creating River Guardians for the Coln

Thoughts on creating River Guardians for the Coln ... a David and Goliath moment.

In the tiny Historic village of Withington, nestled in a valley between Cirencester and Cheltenham, a spark has been ignited which could result in a modern retelling of David and Goliath.

Target 1: Andoversford Sewage Treatment Plant - for polluting our river so badly that it ranks among the top 24 for sending untreated sewage into the River Coln.

Target 2: Ofwat - For not stopping Thames Water for paying shareholders rather than creating better infrastructure.

Target 3: Training River Guardians - to adopt stretches of the River Coln and monitor, test and report as well as observing the river surroundings. This initiative will be implemented from the source to the Thames, through the Cotswolds.

It was not a sudden explosion of ideas but from four years ago in a Parish Council Meeting, it has grown in villagers' minds and understanding. If successful it will inspire a resurgence of safe and healthy countryside, gardens and water landscapes.

The meeting of 21 adult volunteers in the old dining room in the historic Mill Inn on 16th October 2024 was the perfect setting. It had been flooded a few weeks earlier but now the room was flooded with lights, candles and warmed by a huge log fire. Two river

specialists joined the group, Debbie Campbell from the Windrush Project and Harvey Sherwood who was already working for the local Farmers in a group called Upper Coln Farmer Guardians, managed by Gilbert Chalk.

The volunteers, some from surrounding villages, were already speaking of River Guardians, the age group was mixed and the atmosphere was intense, everyone eager to know what they will do. Many had tales of the riverbank they wished to tell. Their experiences were invaluable. The Media had been full of River pollution and sewage spills, Andoversford Sewage works, Ofwat and the failure of the Environment Agency to complete testing and act on it.

The villagers were keen to engage practically and to "make a difference".

By the end of the evening volunteers had marked their names against the river map at the points they will monitor pollution. Their task overall is to provide regular, professional observations and data to Thames Water and EA. Seven months later we have our third training session on using our kit, which has been provided for one year by Thames Water Trust! We are lucky to have one of our members who will do digital mapping of our data and another who set up our own WhatsApp group. We are supported by the Upper Coln Farmer Guardians in our work.

We have persuaded Ofwat to give Andoversford STW funding for further infrastructure on the site which will be

spent 2025-30. Letters from Gilbert Chalk, (County Councillor) Paul Hodgkinson, our Parish Council, Harvey Sherwood, Margaret Wright and many others from local villages were vital in this transaction.

The River Coln now has River Guardians who will test at 43 stretches of the river once a month at the same point each time using a W3Ws locator, from source to the Thames River. At the same time, we hope to help restore the river and banks with permission of

Landowners. In the last month testing has been completed and recorded successfully. The hot weather has made our efforts easier and the River Guardians have photographed some amazing river creatures which show how healthy the River Coln is in some stretches. Our work carries on hopefully with your support.

*Margaret Wright
July 2025
Withington*

Rendcomb Surgery Sept Newsletter

Flu and Covid Clinics

If you are eligible for a Flu and/or Covid vaccination this Autumn you will receive an invitation, during September, to book into one of our clinics which will be held in October. Please use the link in the message if you can or telephone the practice, after 2pm, to book an appointment.

If you think you should be eligible for a vaccination but have not received an invitation to book, please contact the practice.

Eligibility criteria for Autumn/Winter 2025-26 Season is slightly different from previous years.

Influenza Vaccination

- Aged 6 months to under 65 years in the following clinical risk groups
 - Chronic respiratory disease
 - Chronic heart disease

- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression
- Aspenia
- Pregnant women
- Morbidly obese
- Pregnant women
- Aged 65 years and over
- Carers
- Household contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- Housebound patients
- Living in long-stay residential care homes or nursing homes

Covid Vaccination

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a new play by Suzie Miller

Oscar-nominated Rosamund Pike ('Gone Girl', 'Saltburn') plays Jessica in the much-anticipated next play from writer Suzie Miller and director Justin Martin, the team behind the highly acclaimed 'Prima Facie'. Jessica Parks is a smart Crown Court Judge at the top of her career. Behind the robe, she is a karaoke fiend, a loving wife and a supportive parent, but when an event threatens to throw her life completely off balance, can she hold her family upright?

This searing examination of modern motherhood and masculinity is the hottest theatre ticket in town. On Thursday 4th of September, it will stream live from the National Theatre giving you the chance to see it from the best seat in the house. Tickets £15: www.chedworthentclub.co.uk or on the door.

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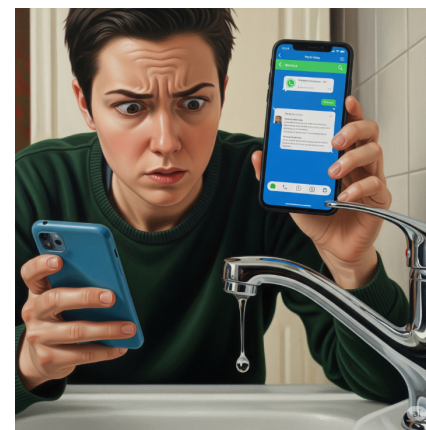
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The Chedworth Hub Keeping Our Community Connected

For over a year, the **Chedworth Hub WhatsApp group** has quietly grown into a vital resource for our village, serving as a hub for timely and valuable information. **With 205 members**, it has become a central point of contact, helping to connect neighbours and keep us all informed.

However, we know that roughly half of the households in our village are not yet part of this network. The recent water supply interruption serves as a perfect example of the group's value. While some were left wondering what was happening, members of the Chedworth Hub were able to get quick updates, share information about bottled water distribution, and offer assistance to those in need.



Villager Jon Hannington commented "An excellent Chedworth-focused resource to learn about local events, find trusted services, receive info related to utility outages, locate lost animals etc."

Whether it's an urgent alert, a local event announcement, or a neighbour asking for help, the Chedworth Hub provides a quick and easy way to stay in the loop. We encourage everyone who isn't yet a member to consider joining and becoming a part of this valuable community resource. To ask to join, simply use the above **QR code** or this link - tinyurl.com/hubinchedworth.



Hill & Valley Lawn Tennis Club

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC>

CLUB NEWS

As the holiday season comes to an end and temperatures starts to cool we open our half year Winter Membership on 1st September which runs until the end of February 2026. This is a good opportunity for those interested in starting tennis during the less busy season, and with the recently re-painted courts the winter season is extended during 'non-tennis weather' and is a great way to ward off the autumn blues! We have lots of events and activities coming up including our Mixed Winter League which runs from October to March.

Robert Baker, Chair

WHAT'S ON

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Events>

Saturday, September 6th 2-5pm

Allison & Trish Day

A fun filled event with an afternoon of tennis and tea. This year's theme is Good Things Come in Threes, dressing up is optional but there will be prizes! 1st, 2nd & 3rd for the best efforts! It is open to all so we hope you will come along for this fun club social event. Entries close on Thursday, September 4th or before if full. **Please BOOK IN**

Saturday, September 13th 9am-1pm

9-10am FREE Adult Taster Cardio Tennis

10am-1pm Junior Open Morning for 4-18yrs

FREE Coaching and Tennis activities for all abilities, 10-11am 4-7yrs, 11-12am 8-12yrs, 12-1pm 13-18yrs Rackets provided. **Please BOOK IN**

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WHAT'S ON

WALKING TENNIS

Sessions every Friday afternoon at 2.30-4pm

It is relaxed and fun, you can go at your own pace. Come along to give it a go! Open to non members

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/WalkingTennis>



ADULT GROUP COACHING WITH TOM WYMAN

Saturday, September 20th

Monthly group coaching for all levels



AFTER SCHOOL JUNIOR COACHING

Running on Wednesdays, for ages 4-18yrs

Open to non members, rackets provided

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching>

HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

October 28th & 31st

5% discount for siblings & 15% discount for members.

Juniors 4-13yrs

Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am-12.30noon

or 1pm-4pm or 9.30am-4pm

Book either a half day £22 (9.30-12.30 or 1-4)

or a full day £39 (9.30-4 Bring a packed lunch)

Teens 13-18yrs on Tuesday 4-6pm

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HillandValleyTC/Coaching/Camps>



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, Sept 6th Allison & Trish Day

Saturday, Sept 13th Adult Cardio session

Saturday, Sept 13th Junior Open Morning

Saturday, Sept 20th Adult Coaching

Saturday, Sept 27th Adult Cardio & Junior Coaching

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Wine Column



Hello Neighbour's,

What a summer! Sunshine, heat and no slugs. Such a difference from 2024.

I wanted to start with our own vineyard here in Fossebridge. Writing this in mid August, we are starting veraison, when the grapes start to soften and build sugar but also the red grapes turn from green to red. It is such a sight to witness! I have some pictures attached of our Pinot Noir, three consecutive days in a row. By the time you read this, I assume we will be fully color changed.

We are 2-3 weeks ahead of schedule because Mother Nature has been good to us this year with sunshine and heat.

Many of you have asked if you can come help to harvest! We won't know the exact date yet, but believe it will be the first or second weekend of October. If you have interest, please email me at cotswoldswineadventure@gmail.com as I am starting an email list. A couple of days before we decide to pick, I will email you and if you can make it, incredible! No pressure if you aren't able. But we will start morning and finish in time for some snacks and a glass of wine. An annual tradition we hope to start here in our small community.

In the spirit of English wine and our

upcoming harvest, we will focus on English wine this month.

Deer Park Wines Rose Cuvee Sparkling wines: This is a delicious English Sparkling wine made in the traditional method. Tastes of strawberries, cream and brioche on the nose, a fine mousse which dances on the palate. Clean and fresh at the end. A taste of English Summer at its best.

Hattingly Classic Reserve Cuvee: This wine is really solid. Left on the lees for 4 years of ageing in the bottle, this wine combines delicate aromas of lemon zest and orange peel and honeysuckle with green apple and freshly baked brioche on the palate! Great tiny bubbles.

We hope to see you in October for harvest but if you prefer a "tour" of the vineyard on a different time, reach out. Are you interested in learning more about the details of what is happening in the vineyard and our plans? Email us and we can have you come over and we will walk you through.

Until next month, cheers!

Amber

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HILL & VALLEY TENNIS CLUB JUNIOR OPEN MORNING SATURDAY 13th SEPTEMBER

- 10-11am - Mini Tennis Red Fun Club (4-7 years)
- 11-12pm - Mini Tennis Orange & Green Fun Club (8-12 years)
- 12-1pm - Teens Tennis (13-18 years)

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Churchyard Walls for Wildlife

It is quite possible that the oldest built structure in your local churchyard will be the boundary wall. These walls may have been mended over the years but usually with the original stone, gently replacing and resetting damaged sections. Whether lime mortar or drystone, churchyard walls have built up a rich array of species over the years.

South facing walls are particularly good for invertebrates with many different creatures using the gaps and holes to nest and shelter. Look for wrens and dunnocks hopping over the stones of the wall searching for spiders to eat. There are a great many species of solitary bees and wasps to be found nesting within walls too.

Walls can be excellent for lichens unless they become covered in ivy and other shading plants in which case the lichens are lost. Walls have their own specific plants, not found elsewhere in the churchyard, and this is particularly true for lime mortared walls in an area where the soil is not particularly lime rich. Can you spot ivy-leaved toadflax, wall rue, maidenhair spleenwort, rusty back or adder's tongue fern? Some annual plants grow early in the spring, whilst the wall is still quite damp and cool; they flower, seed and then dry out as summer progresses. Others, like saxifrages, are suited to dry conditions.

As well as the wall surface, there is life within it too. Walls are cool, safe places



to shelter. Whilst frogs, toads and newts make their way to ponds for breeding, they actually spend most of the year out of water. These amphibians are often found in or close to churchyard walls, as are reptiles such as lizards and slow-worm. They shelter within the wall or at its base, emerging to hunt for food such as slugs, worms and other invertebrates. Look for lizards basking in full sun whilst the slow-worm stays hidden, finding a warm place beneath vegetation or a stone or reptile mat.

So, look after your walls and try to keep them in good repair, they are very special.

Prue Dakin (Office and Communications Manager, Caring for God's Acre)



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We have tea and cake afterwards!

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The Arts Society Cotswolds

**Lecture on Wednesday 8th
 October 2025**

Lecture: A Photographic Odyssey: Shackleton's Endurance Expedition

On Ernest Shackleton's third Antarctic expedition in 1914, his ship, the *Endurance*, was trapped and eventually crushed in the pack ice. After camping for five months on the ice, Shackleton's men rowed to the remote Elephant Island. From there, Shackleton sailed for help to South Georgia over 800 miles away. Over three months later he returned to rescue the crew of the *Endurance*.

Frank Hurley, one of the great photographers of the 20th century, was the expedition's official photographer. His photographs are a visual narrative of an epic journey which capture with great artistry new and amazing landscapes within which a remarkable human drama is played out. The aim of the lecture is to capture Hurley's achievements as a photographer of the Antarctic in the first flush of human contact when it was still essentially terra incognita.

About the speaker:

Mark Cottle was born on the Isles of Scilly and educated at Truro School, Cornwall, and Birmingham University. His career has been spent in education and training at home and abroad. He has lectured at Exeter College on Medieval and Tudor history, St Mark's & St John's University College, Plymouth, and at Bath University on Anglo Saxon and medieval England. Currently runs two small companies providing training and study breaks.

This hybrid lecture will be held at the Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford, OX18 4RZ at 11am and via Zoom. Please be seated by 10.50 for notices of upcoming events. Numbers are no longer restricted but booking is recommended to reserve a place via our website (see below) Non-members are welcome (space permitting) at a charge of £10.

To learn more about The Arts Society Cotswolds and to see what lectures, Special Interest Days and other activities are planned, please log into the website www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk

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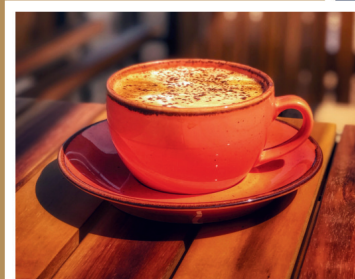
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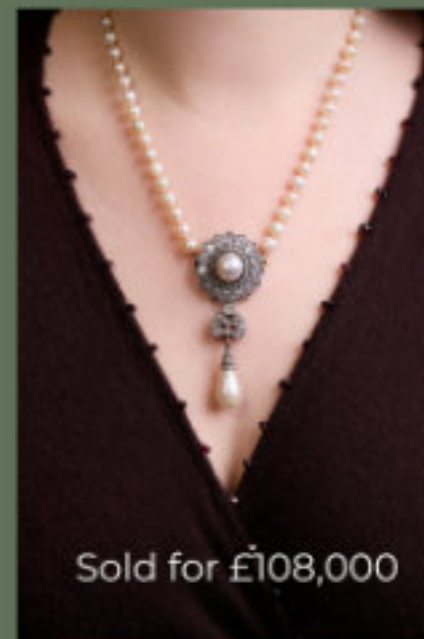
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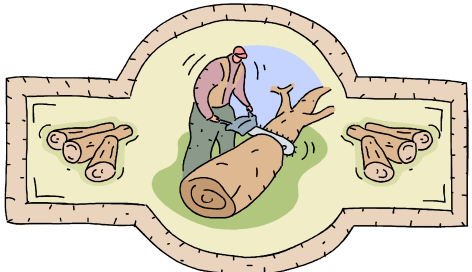
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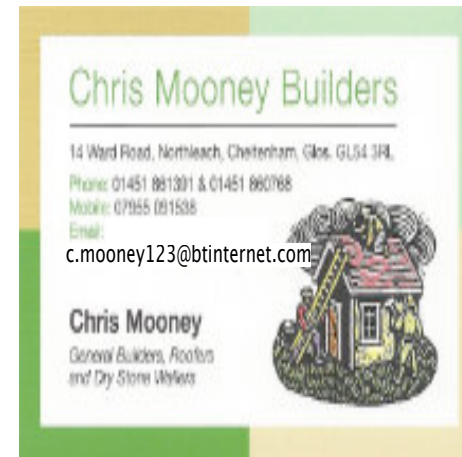
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